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**THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST
BY APPLICANT FOR INTERFERENCE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.607**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

By the present submission, Applicant requests that an interference be declared between the present application to Maemoto ("Maemoto") and U.S. Patent No. 6,482,571 ("the '571 patent") issued to Teng. The requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.607(a) having been met, it is hereby requested that the application be conducted with special dispatch. 37 C.F.R. § 1.607(b).

A Preliminary Amendment adding new Claims 16-18 to the present application was filed on November 19, 2003. Please further amend the subject application as follows: